

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: I pass. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I'll call the question.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Chizek is the last one.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I was going to call the question, but he beat me.

PRESIDENT: Okay. If that's true then we may go ahead and if you wish to close, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay. This is your closing.

SENATOR HALL: Looks like it, even though we didn't vote on ceasing debate or whatever. The issue is an issue of children, and consistently throughout the debate on LB 90, and I pulled the transcript with regard to the discussion that we had on the bill. I had asked Senator Scofield a question and Senator Scofield had talked about and said I don't want to give the advantage, this is out of the transcript from the last time that we discussed this issue, I don't want to give the advantage, Senator Scofield said, to the prosecutor or to the defense attorney. I want to protect the kid, that is why this bill is here. She said again, at another time, the issue is an issue of children and it's an issue of protecting children. That is all we're trying to do through LB 90, that's all we're trying to do in this amendment, we're saying that children, whether they be defendant's or prosecution witnesses, should have the same rights. And at this time, through this amendment, they would be offered those rights. We should offer them complete rights and say that they should be protected, and they should not have to enter that courtroom once we determine that it would be too traumatic. But the body has determined that that is something they do not want to do. And that, ladies and gentlemen, I think is a real mistake. You are basically saying that we'll protect you in theory, but in practice we won't do that. And that is the amendment that was just rejected. In this amendment, you